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DROUGHT RESISTANT SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released drought resistant seeds of various crops to combat the drought like situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise; and

(c) the agricultural universities/institutes involved in developing such seeds and the seeds released during the last one year, crop-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) National Agricultural Research System has recently released 37 drought resistant varieties of different crops namely, paddy 7, wheat 3, maize 2, barley 1, pearl millet 3, small millets 3, sorghum 1, linseed 2, groundnut 4, chickpea 2, mungbean 3, cluster bean 2, forages 3 and mesta 1 during the last three years.

(c) In the last one year, the agricultural universities/institutes involved in development of drought resistant varieties of different crops are, Wheat: CCSHAU, Hisar; PAU, Ludhiana and IARI, New Delhi; Paddy: IGKVV, Raipur; Maize: VPKAS, Almora; Pearl Millet: SKRAU, Bikaner; Linseed: CSAUA&T, Kanpur and JNKVV, Jabalpur; Groundnut: SKRAU, Bikaner and MPUA&T, Udaipur; Sugarcane: CSSHAU, Hisar; Lentil: VPKAS, Almora; Chickpea: RVSKVV, Gwalior and CCSHAU, Hisar and Horsegram: IGKVV, Raipur and SDAU, SK Nagar.